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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BR, PO

SUBJECT: EXPORT OF "BRAZILIAN MODEL" TO PORTUGAL?

REF: A. BRASILIA 3177; B. BRASILIA 4584

SUMMARY: USUALLY WELL-INFORMED SOURCE HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT FONMIN SOARES IS CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE BRAZILIAN ATTEMPT INFLUENCE POLITICAL EVENTS IN PORTUGAL. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD SUBSTANTIATE THIS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS EMBASSY LISBON. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM AMERICAN JOURNALIST THAT PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES RECENTLY EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE OVER WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS ATTEMPTS BY BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR FONTOURA TO INFLUENCE THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY TO EMULATE THE BRAZILIAN STYLE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, SOARES WAS UNSURE WHETHER FONTOURA WAS ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OR UNDER INSTRUCTIONS.

2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTELS, THE GOB, AFTER AN INITIAL ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO THE PORTUGUESE COUP, ADOPTED A MORE CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE WHEN LEFTIST ELEMENTS EMERGED ON THE PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SCENE. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION, HOWEVER--AND THIS WAS REINFORCED BY THE NON-CONFIDENTIAL

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EVENT OF THE GALVAO DE MELO VISIT--THAT THE GOB HAS ADOPTED

A HANDS-OFF ATTITUDE TOWARD PORTUGUESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(EXCEPT FOR AFRICAN MATTERS, WHERE THE GOB BELIEVES IT HAS  
STRONG INTERESTS TO PURSUE). WE HAVE IN MIND, PARTICULARLY  
THE WIDELY-BRUITED APPROACH BY GALVAO DE MELO TO THE GOB  
FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING A REPLACEMENT FOR THE DGS  
SECRET POLICE, AND THE SUBSEQUENT BRAZILIAN REFUSAL, WHICH  
WE HAVE CONFIRMED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION  
EMBASSY LISBON MIGHT HAVE WHICH WOULD SHED LIGHT ON SOARES'  
ALLEGED CONCERN.  
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